

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-30 were pending in the application. Claims 18, 19, 20 and 29 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to pursuing the cancelled claims in this or other continuing applications. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 23-25 are withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1, 3, and 14 have been amended. Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-10, 12-17, 23-25, and 30 will be pending and under active consideration. Claims 1 and 25 are independent.

In response to the Office Action entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121" dated November 5, 2004 (Paper No. 27), Applicants respectfully submit that the inadvertent errors in the claim status identifiers required for each of the pending claims have been corrected herein. In accordance with the Examiner's request, Applicants have also provided the required current amendments for each of claims 1, 3, 9 and 14 as these amendments had not been previously entered. Accordingly, to be fully responsive under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121(h), Applicants have provided herewith the required entire "Amendments to the Claims" Section of the Response filed on January 23, 2004 (Paper No. 20). This document provides the full set of pending Claims, Claims 1-10, 12-17, 23-25, and 30. The document also provides the claim status identifier required for each claim. This set of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Applicants respectfully request entry remarks made herein into the file history of the present invention.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe there is no fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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